

**Kentucky Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council  
Advocacy and Policy ad hoc Committee Meeting Summary  
DATE: March 1, 2017 (Wednesday)**

**Members Present:** Cathy Epperson, Mike Barry, and Gayla Lockhart

**Members Absent:** Becky Clark, Mary Singleton, Maggie Krueger and Kalon Bagby

**Staff Present:**

Topic	Discussion	Next Steps
Call to Order & Introductions	Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. Committee members introduced themselves.	
Distribution of 2017 Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council Legislative Priorities	<p>Discussion was held on how the legislative priorities flyers had been distributed. Cathy said the NAMI KY board had approved to support and advocate for these priorities. NAMI KY mailed this flyer to all Kentucky legislators asking for their support. This flyer was sent to NAMI Kentucky's advocacy coordinator for him to discuss with legislators when meeting with them. NAMI KY also displayed these flyers on their table when exhibiting at various events. NAMI KY is exhibiting at several upcoming events in Danville (F.I.G.H.T) and Louisville (ARC conference and HOSA Leadership conference).</p> <p>Mike said that PAR had missed two (2) board meetings due to weather so he emailed it to the PAR board and he did not receive any feedback of concern. Mike said he has been displaying these flyers at various events – Town Hall meeting in Shelbyville on substance use disorders, and at trainings in Owensboro, Lexington and a couple of other places. He had more printed and takes them everywhere he goes. He has events booked through June.</p> <p>Gayla said she has been displaying them at every opportunity she had.</p>	Continue to display these legislative priorities flyer on tables as we exhibit at various events throughout Kentucky.
Talking with Legislators about these priorities.	<p>NAMI Kentucky's advocacy coordinator has been talking with legislators about NAMI KY's priorities as well as these priorities.</p> <p>Mike said he has talked with several legislators also.</p> <p>Gayla said she hadn't had the opportunity to speak to legislators about this.</p>	Meet with our local legislators at home after this legislative session is over to educate them on these priorities.
Affordable Care Act issues	We discussed possibly adding this to the behavioral health planning and advisory council legislative priorities but we felt we needed to have more substantial information to see what comes down from the Kentucky legislative session and the federal government.	Gather additional information and discuss on our next call.
Future Calls	We discussed the importance of having regularly scheduled calls so everyone can put on their calendar and plan to participate. We decided to have a call quarterly the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm eastern time and more often as deemed necessary.	Cathy will send out notices of calls to committee members.
Adjournment	Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gayla seconded and <b>Motion passed</b> . The meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.	June 7, 2017 (Wednesday)